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1. JAKARTA PRESS AUG. 30-SEPT. 1 REPORTED STATEMENT

BY ACTING GOI FONMIN MOCHTAR AT CONCLUSION OF TALKS WITH GOP ENVOY SANTOS AUG. 30. MOCHTAR QUOTED AS SAYING GOI "DISAPPOINTED AND DISTURBED" THAT SANTOS, WHO EARLIER THOUGHT TO HAVE FULL MANDATE FROM GOP IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GOI, UNWILLING TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL TO TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED AUG. 29 GOVERNING PROPOSED INDONESIAN INTERVENTION TO RESTORE ORDER IN PT. MOCHTAR SAID SANTOS DESIRED FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH LISBON (VIA TELEPHONE) AS WELL AS TALKS WITH GOA IN CANBERRA BEFORE FINALIZING AGREEMENT, WHICH THEREFORE COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE AFTER HIS RETURN TO JAKARTA SEVERAL DAYS HENCE.

2. MOCHTAR SAID DRAFT MEMORANDUM WORKED OUT WITH SANTOS HAD INCLUDED FOLLOWING PROVISION: A) GOI FORCES WOULD BE SENT TO PT AT REQUEST AND (ACCORDING SOME REPORTS) EXPENSE OF GOP; B) GOI TROOPS WOULD ACT AS MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN PT TO RESTORE SECURITY AND ORDER; C) GOI TROOPS WOULD REMAIN UNDER INDONESIAN COMMAND; D) JOINT AUTHORITY CONSISTING OF GOI AND GOP PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OF MALAYSIA (INDONESIAN NOMINEE) AND AUSTRALIA GOP CHOICE) WOULD BE SET UP AFTER SECURITY AND ORDER RESTORED.

3. MOCHTAR ALSO SAID BASIC PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING GOI POSITION WERE A) LACK OF TERRITORIAL AMBITION AND B) SUPPORT FOR ORDERLY DECOLONIZATION WITHOUT USE OF FORCE BY ANY GROUP WITHIN COLONY, AND THAT ON BASIS THESE PRINCIPLES GOI AND SANTOS HAD REACHED "COMMON UNDERSTANDING" THAT A) GOI RECOGNIZED GOP AND PT GOVERNOR AS SOLE AUTHORITY IN PT; B) GOI AND GOP SUPPORT ORDERLY DECOLONIZATION AND FREE DECISION ON FUTURE BY PEOPLE OF PT; AND C) CIVIL WAR IN PT REQUIRES MEASURES TO RESTORE ORDER, EVACUATE REFUGEES AND PROVIDE EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES (WITH RESTORATION OF ORDER A PRECONDITION BEFORE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS COULD BE CARRIED OUT).

4. MOCHTAR SAID GOI HAD MEANTIME WITHDRAWN DE "MONGINSIDI" FROM DILI DUE TO INABILITY OF GOP TO GUARANTEE SAFETY OF EFFORTS TO PROVIDE RICE SUPPLIES FROM SHIP TO LOCAL POPULACE. MOCHTAR SAID GOP HAD SUGGESTED GOI OBTAIN GUARANTEE OF MOST POWERFUL LOCAL PARTY, BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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GOI BELIEVED THIS CONTRARY TO PRINCIPLE OF GOP AUTHORITY OVER PT AND ALSO DID NOT WISH SUPPLIES TO FALL INTO HANDS OF LOCAL COMBATANTS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR ABILITY TO FIGHT. SHIP NOW ANCHORED FOUR MILES OFF DILI PORT AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

5. SANTOS DEPARTED JAKARTA AUG. 30 FOR TALKS IN CANBERRA AND VISIT PT GOVERNOR PIRES ON ATAURO ISLAND PRIOR TO

RETURNING JAKARTA LATER IN WEEK.

6. JAKARTA PRESS SEPT. 2 REPORTS GOM HAS INFORMED GOI OF ITS AGREEMENT TO SERVE IN JOINT COMMISSION; WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM CANBERRA STATE WHITLAM TOLD SANTOS GOA COULD NOT YET REPLY TO GOP REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION BUT WOULD IN NO CASE BE INVOLVED IN MILITARY PACIFICATION IN PT. SITUATION IN PT MEANTIME REPORTED RELATIVELY QUIET, WITH FRETELIN FORCES IN CONTROL OF MOST OF DILI AND ALL PARTIES TO FIGHTING VERY LOW ON AMMUNITION. INDONESIAN CONSUL FROM DILI AND STAFF PLUS APPROX. 200 OTHER REFUGEES REPORTED TO HAVE ARRIVED KUPANG ABOARD INDONESIAN SHIPS AUG. 31. END UNCLASSIFIED

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7. MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR THAT GOM HAS CONVEYED TO GOI WILLINGNESS TO SERVE ON COMMISSION, BUT STATED MALAYSIA ONLY ASKED BY GOI TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMISSION AND NOT IN ANY MILITARY PACIFICATION EFFORT. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR AS OF EVENING SEPT. 1 HAD NO WORD FROM CANBERRA RE GOA POSITION BUT WAS SEEKING INFORMATION AND PROMISED TO KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED.
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